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SUBJ: TURKISH PRESS ON KISSINGER VISIT, CYPRUS, AID

1. THE TURKISH PRESS WEDNESDAY (MAY 7) GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO SEC. KISSINGER'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO ANKARA, THE KISSINGER-MAKARIOS TALKS IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND U.S. MILITARY AID.

2. HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, GAVE FRONT PAGE BANNER TREATMENT TO THE KISSINGER-MAKARIOS TALKS. HEADLINES READ: "MAKARIOS HAS MORE INFLUENCE WITH THE AMERICAN CONGRESS THAN FORD"--"THE ARMS EMBARGO WON'T BE LIFTED--TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES, KISSINGER SAID." THE HURRIYET STORY WAS BASED APPARENTLY ON WIRE SERVICE REPORTS OF KISSINGER AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MAKARIOS'S REMARKS TO NEWSMEN FOLLOWING THEIR MEETINGMMM. BUT

ITS LEAD SAID: "IT HAS BEEN LEARNED THAT U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN A STATEMENT MADE YESTERDAY SAID 'ARCH-BISHOP MAKARIOS HAS MORE INFLUENCE ON THE AMERICAN CONGRESS THAN FORD.'" UNLIKE HURRIYET, OTHER DAILIES WHICH PICKED UP THE STORY NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY WAS JOKING. THE HURRIYET STORY ALSO REPORTED, WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION, THAT THE SECRETARY HAS TOLD TURKISH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON THAT A BILL TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO COULD PASS THE SENATE, BUT THAT THERE WAS NO RPT NO CHANCE OF GETTING IT THROUGH THE HOUSE.

3. IN ANOTHER FRONT PAGE STORY, HURRIYET REPORTED THAT IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT HIS PLANNED MEETING WITH GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS HAD FALLEN THROUGH BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF PREPARATORY TALKS BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA. IN THE TIMES INTERVIEW, MR. CAGLAYANGIL ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID CONCERNING VIETNAM: "I CANNOT SAY I HAVE LOST CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA, BUT I CANNOT SAY MY CONFIDENCE CONTINUES." MR. CAGLAYANGIL WAS SAID TO HAVE TOLD THE TIMES THAT A SHIFT IN TURKISH POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL'S ENEMIES, THE ARAB COUNTRIES, COULD UPSET THE MIDDLE EAST BALANCE OF POWER AND THAT A FAILURE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO WOULD INEVITABLY AFFECT THE FUTURE OF JOINT TURKISH-U.S. DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS.

4. LIBERAL MILLIYET IN A TOP FRONT PAGE STORY SAID THE SECRETARY WILL VISIT ISTANBUL FOLLOWING THE CENTO MINISTERIAL. CITING "OFFICIALS" AND "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES," MILLIYET REPORTED THAT:

--VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA EVENTS HAVE SO FAR PREVENTED THE FULL SENATE FROM TAKING UP THE ARMS EMBARGO;
--MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO WANT TO SEE THE EMBARGO ENDED ARE WAITING FOR PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA TALKS AND IN TURCO-GREEK RELATIONS;
--GREEK AND TURKISH DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN MEETING IN GENEVA TO WORK OUT A MEETING BEFORE THE CENTO MINISTERIAL;
--BECAUSE HE DOES NOT WANT TO COME TO TURKEY "EMPTY-HANDED," THE SECRETARY IS WORKING FOR SENATE PASSAGE BEFORE MAY 22 OF A BILL TO END THE EMBARGO AND THAT HE HAS BEEN "PLEASED" BY ANKARA'S DISPLAY OF GOOD WILL WITH RESPECT

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TO A GREEK-TURKISH DIALOG.

5. IN OTHER CYPRUS-RELATED COVERAGE, SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN CARRIED A DISPATCH FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN ATHENS REPORTING THAT GREEK CYPRIOT LEADER CLERIDES HAD TOLD GREEK AUTHORITIES THAT THERE WAS NO PROGRESS AT THE VIENNA TALKS.

6. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT, HURRIYET CHIDED TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH FOR APPARENTLY GOING TO VIENNA "WITHOUT DETERMINING BEFORE HAND WHAT TO ASK, HOW TO ASK, AND HOW MUCH TO ASK...."

7. IN OTHER COMMENT WEDNESDAY, LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET DEMANDED CLARIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES' RUMORED INTENTION OF MOVING ITS INSTALLATIONS FROM TURKEY TO THE BRITISH BASES ON CYPRUS.
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